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1. At the recent session of the SED Central Committee, 18-19 October 1950, the following points were discussed:

- A. The relationship of the SED to the remaining political groups in the DDR after the October elections,
- B. The relationship of the DDR, a multi-party state, to the People's Democracies,
- C. The necessity of developing the SED into a cadre party in closest imitation of the CP USSR,
- D. The development of a completely new line with regard to the West, especially to the predominant importance of the United States in the West.

2. With regard to the first point, the implication of the discussions was that not only must the SED become the leading party of the DDR, but the remaining political groupings, insofar as they are not completely destroyed through a lack of qualified functionaries, are to be rapidly formed into departments or special sections of the SED.

3. The discussion on the second point maintained that from now on the DDR will be treated by the Soviet Union in a manner similar to that in which the USSR treats the People's Democracies. The DDR will, however, maintain for the future a special character which is derived from the claim to represent all of Germany. The DDR is, in the consideration of the Soviet Union, much more important than the other People's Democracies. It is the platform for Russia's entire European policy. For this reason there will be certain differences between the DDR and the pattern of government of the People's Democracies.

4. With regard to the development of the SED into a cadre party, the point was made in the discussion that the SED, in its membership and organization, is too large and unmanageable to be able to play its part fully as a revolutionary party. It needs an inner core. The new schooling program, on the Soviet pattern and under Soviet supervision, is to direct this development systematically.

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5. In conjunction with the fourth point - the new line vis-à-vis the West - the stand was taken that political propaganda against the United States to date has found little acceptance among the West German population, because the American achievements are generally too well-known to the public. There is, however, a method by which these achievements may be negated. The SED is to base its entire propaganda and policy regarding West Germany on the following thesis: What the United States is doing today in Germany and in Europe represents in no way a basic change in the real intentions of the U.S. Present American policy in Germany is also no final renunciation of the isolation policy of earlier decades. It is really a repetition of the policy which the United States employed after the first World War. At that time America also pumped Dawes and Young Plan money into Germany in order to be able to withdraw from Europe at any given moment. American prestige in Germany, however, is much greater than in the 1920's. Every effort must now be made by the SED to win the West German population over to the belief that the United States is unreliable and will withdraw if its interests so dictate. The entire political effort of the SED in the coming weeks must be directed toward lessening U.S. prestige in Germany.

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